

I killed in Sidon crossfire

BEIRUT (R) — One Lebanese civilian was killed and four people including an Israeli soldier were wounded Friday during a clash between an Israeli patrol and guerrillas who ambushed it in northern Lebanon, state-run Beirut Radio said. Armed men positioned inside the market town of Nabatiyeh threw a hand grenade and opened fire on the Israeli troops as they passed through the town centre, the radio reported. It said the Israelis fired back and in the exchange the Israeli soldier and four Lebanese bystanders were wounded. One of the Lebanese later died of his wounds. Israeli forces sealed off Nabatiyeh for two hours and sent helicopters to fly low over the town. Shops and schools closed for the rest of the day, the radio said.

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King cables good wishes to UAE

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein sent a cable of good wishes Thursday to United Arab Emirates (UAE) President Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan on the occasion of the anniversary of the establishment of the UAE. In his cable, the King wished Sheikh Zayed continued success in the leadership of his country to achieve further progress and prosperity and to achieve the interests of the Arab Nation, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said.

Hungarian foreign minister in Amman

AMMAN (J.T.) — Hungarian Foreign Minister Peter Verkonyi arrived in Amman via Ramtha Friday on a three-day official visit to Jordan, the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, said. Dr. Verkonyi told Petra that the visit, upon an invitation by Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem, aims at promoting bilateral relations and expanding co-operation between the countries, in addition to holding consultations with Jordanian officials on issues of mutual interest, the Middle East situation in particular.

Tal returns after UNESCO meeting

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Education Sa'id Al Tal returned home Friday after presiding over the 22nd conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), which concluded its session in Paris last Saturday. Dr. Tal told the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, that the conference achieved great success and tackled issues of great intellectual significance in addition to organisational and financial issues. Co-ordination between UNESCO programmes and member states' national programmes, the organisation's role in improving women's position in society and the linking of education to labour were among issues decided upon by the conference. Dr. Tal said.

French soldier killed in Beirut

BEIRUT (R) — A French soldier of the multinational peacekeeping force in Lebanon was killed by a sniper in south Beirut early Thursday, a French military spokesman said. He was the 7th French soldier killed in Lebanon since the multinational force arrived in the summer of 1982. A suicide bomber killed 58 French troops on Oct. 23 by crashing a truck packed with explosives into a military headquarters here.

5 arrested in Jerusalem clash

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Police said Thursday they arrested three Arabs and two Israelis after fist fights broke out in Jerusalem's Old City between members of the two communities. Police aid a dispute developed between an Israeli seminary student and an Arab. The Israeli called other students for help and the Arab called for help from friends. A score of fights broke out and a number of shopfronts were smashed. Two Arabs were taken to hospital for treatment.

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Turkish-Cypriot assembly dissolved

NICOSIA (R) — The Turkish-Cypriot parliament voted Friday to dissolve itself and form a constituent assembly to draw up a new constitution for the Turkish-Cypriot republic declared independent on northern Cyprus last month. The vote by the 40-seat assembly, the Turkish sector's elected legislature since the island was divided by the invasion of Turkish troops in 1974, endorsed the plans of the self-proclaimed state's president, Rauf Denktash. But it was carried in the face of strong opposition from two leftist parties who accused Mr. Denktash of staging a coup. Twenty-four parliamentary members voted for, 16 against the resolution. It is due to meet next Tuesday to choose a new government to serve under Mr. Denktash and to start drawing up a new constitution. The new republic has been condemned internationally and only Turkey has recognised it.

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Gemayel continues high-level Washington talks

Lebanon seeks U.S. military equipment

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — Lebanese President Amin Gemayel Friday had talks with U.S. Deputy Defence Secretary Paul Thayer on equipment that the Lebanese army needs to extend the area of the country under its control.

Fahd 'reassures' U.S.

Earlier Thursday, the Saudi ambassador in Washington, Prince Bandar Ibn Sultan, delivered a message from King Fahd to President Reagan which U.S. officials said, reaffirmed Syria's commitment to withdrawal by noon under the terms of May 17 agreement.

Prince Bandar told reporters that Syria was committed to withdrawal but "something has to happen" to the May agreement.

"The Syrians are committed to go," he said. "The problem is that Israel won't go." He refused to answer questions about the timing of any Syrian withdrawal.

King Fahd has "assured" President Reagan that Syria will withdraw its troops from Lebanon if the United States can persuade Israel to "schedule" a complete withdrawal as well, the Washington Times reported Thursday.

In the letter delivered to the White House by Prince Bandar, King Fahd said he could make this assurance "for the first time," according to the Post.

The letter warned that the government of Lebanese President

Gemayel is perilously fragile, and Lebanon needs a diplomatic success either during Mr. Gemayel's visit here, which began Wednesday, or immediately following it if Mr. Gemayel is to maintain power, the Post said.

King Fahd urged that the political portions of the May 17 agreement on Israeli withdrawal be put aside temporarily, but that the provisions for the security of Israel's northern borders be implemented immediately, the Post added.

Israel — a liability

Referring to the new U.S.-Israeli co-operation plans announced Wednesday by Mr. Reagan and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Prince Bandar said:

"We strongly believe that Israel is a strategic liability to the United States, not a strategic asset. Their behaviour in the past has been improved by good-will efforts by the United States."

Clovis Maksoud, the Arab League representative here, said that although Arabs "have always been able to live with a U.S. tilt towards Israel," the formation of a U.S.-Israel strategic axis in the wake of Mr. Shamir's visit is such a qualitative change that will join the Arabs into a painful reassessment of Arab-U.S. relations, a confirmed lowering of expectations and a confirmed perception that the U.S. can no longer be a mediator or a broker."

Israel warns Egypt

New U.S.-Israel group will counter Soviet role in Mideast, says Shamir

TEL AVIV (R) — On the first tasks of the newly created U.S.-Israel political-military group will be to counter "Soviet involvement" in the Middle East, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said Friday.

Speaking to reporters on his return from the United States, Mr. Shamir said creation of the joint group was one of the most significant achievements of his meetings with President Reagan and other U.S. leaders earlier this week.

"Close co-operation with the U.S. has always been and remains a cornerstone of Israeli political and military policies," he said.

"Creation of the joint group brings the two countries closer and is a major development in relations between us."

The group will meet next month and "one of its immediate goals will be to find ways to counter growing Soviet involvement in our region, mainly through its surrogate in the Middle East," Syria, he said.

The group will also "seek ways to stabilise the situation in Lebanon chiefly by getting the Syrians to agree to leave, as Israel has already agreed to do," Mr. Shamir said.

The prime minister again called on Jordan and Palestinians to start peace talks to find a solution to the Middle East crisis, saying the

"split and fighting within the terrorist Palestinian gangs should have convinced them to abandon violence."

Mr. Shamir left Washington Wednesday warning that, if Lebanon was interested in independence, it should not seek to change a word of Israel's agreement to withdraw its troops from its soil.

Washington has backed the accord, which Secretary of State George Shultz helped prepare. U.S. officials refused to give details of the administration's strategy for overcoming Syria's refusal to pull out its 40,000 troops from Lebanon.

Israel says it will not withdraw unless Syria does.

Mr. Shamir was speaking at a National Press Club lunch before flying to New York at the end of the three-day official visit.

"Agreements by countries are not signed to be cancelled and to be changed," Mr. Shamir said of the May accord.

"If Lebanon and the Lebanese people are interested to have a withdrawal of all foreign forces, if they are interested to have a free Lebanon, they will always support this agreement and they will not change a word of it," Mr. Shamir said.

Mr. Shamir said the embassy took the step of issuing a denial as the report had aroused fears, that the United States was about to abandon Lebanon.

Vance thinks U.S.-Israeli pact could be harmful, page 2

Junblatt vows to avenge murder of judge

BEIRUT (R) — Druze chieftain Walid Junblatt vowed Friday his minority community would strike back at killers like the lone gunman who murdered a leading Druze judge Thursday.

In an elegy read on his behalf at the funeral of Shikh Halim Takieddin, the senior Druze cleric in Beirut, Mr. Junblatt said: "I warn that our arm is long and can strike everywhere."

Thousands of Druze and Muslims attended the ceremony in central Beirut amid strict security apparently aimed at preventing outbreaks of sectarian violence.

Shops, banks and offices in west Beirut closed for the day in mourning for the 61-year-old sheikh, shot dead in his living room by a single bullet from a silenced pistol.

Mr. Junblatt, who left Beirut a year ago after a narrow escape from a car bomb, told the mourners that the killing was part of the battle between the Druze and "fascism. Lebanese reaction and those who want to make Lebanon a sectarian state."

He was referring to the predominantly Christian right-wing forces who fought the Druze in last September's war for the Shouf and Aley areas southeast of the Lebanese capital.

"Now they are trying to corner us in Beirut," he said.

But rightists — including Pierre Gemayel, founder of the right-wing Falangist Party and father of President Amin Gemayel — joined Muslims in condemning the assassination.

State-run Beirut Radio said first reports suggested the killer, a man in his mid-20s, was a relative of Shikh Takieddin. Police were still investigating the crime, it added.

President Gemayel, in Washington for talks with President Reagan and other officials, called for stringent measures to arrest and punish the culprit, the radio said.

Fuad Salman, secretary general of the mainly Druze Progressive Socialist Party (PSP), read Mr. Junblatt's speech and was interrupted by chants of allegiance to the Druze leader.

The killing followed a period of heavy artillery exchanges between PSP militiamen in the mountains and Lebanese army units in and around Beirut.

The shelling forced Beirut airport to close two days ago and a security committee set up to enforce a two-month-old ceasefire has so far failed to get it reopened.

U.S. embassy denies report

The U.S. embassy meanwhile denied a local press report that Americans had been ordered to leave Beirut.

"We have not advised American citizens to leave," said embassy spokesman Jon Stewart. He said the security situation here was under constant review, but no instructions had been issued to Americans.

Mr. Stewart said the embassy took the step of issuing a denial as the report had aroused fears, that the United States was about to abandon Lebanon.

Soviet naval power alarms NATO; Trudeau to review peace plan in two months, page 8

Arafat demands U.N. protection for PLO fighters leaving Tripoli

TRIPOLI, Lebanon (R) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is asking for United Nations guarantees for the safety of his men when they evacuate Tripoli by sea, but no longer insists on an Arab observer force, an Arafat spokesman said Friday.

He put the condition to former Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Karami, elder statesman of this northern Lebanese port city, and is waiting for a reply, spokesman Ahmad Abdulrahman told Reuters.

The spokesman said the Arafat forces needed U.N. guarantees because they were blockaded by Israeli ships. He repeated charges that the Israeli navy had seized four ships sailing to the aid of Arafat forces in recent weeks.

He said Mr. Arafat had dropped his demand that an Arab force guarantee the disengagement plan — a demand that Mr. Karami has received coolly.

Mr. Karami said in Damascus Thursday he thought Lebanese gendarmes, perhaps reinforced by local armed factions, would be sufficient.

The spokesman said Mr. Arafat had also asked whether any of the fighters who normally live in two refugee camps near Tripoli or in

the eastern Bekaa Valley would be allowed to return to their homes.

The Syrian-backed Palestinian rebel forces, who have bottled up the Arafat loyalists in Tripoli, refuse to leave the nearby Baddawi and Nahr Al Bared refugee camps, which they overrun last month.

In case Syria forbade the loyalists to return to their camps, Mr. Arafat had asked Syria and Saudi Arabia to help to find Arab countries willing to accept the exiled fighters.

U.N. debate scheduled

At the United Nations, Friday, the Security Council scheduled private consultations on the situation in north Lebanon.

The closed-door session was summoned at the initiative of Council President Max van der Stoel of the Netherlands. There was no indication whether it would be followed by a public meeting.

3 U.S. congressmen, NAAA officials arrive in Jordan on fact-finding mission

By Ara Voskan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A delegation of U.S. congressmen and members of the National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA) board of directors arrived in Amman Friday, for a week-long visit to Jordan. During their stay the delegation members are scheduled to make a one-day visit to the West Bank, after which they will return here.

The three congressmen, who are accompanied by their wives and members of their staff are:

Republican Representative John Erlenborn from Illinois, Republican Representative Howard Nielson from Utah and Democrat Representative Nick Rahall from West Virginia.

The congressmen are also accompanied by NAAA President Robert Joseph and three other members of the NAAA board of directors, Miss Christine Hammond, Miss Maria McCrea and Miss Georgia Abraham.

The NAAA is a Washington-based Arab organisation whose main objective is to reach out to help the land of their forefathers, especially in the Middle East, by approaching the American public and lobbying their support by envoys.

They are also scheduled to visit the University of Jordan, the Royal Scientific Society, the Scheller Refugee Camp, the ancient city of Petra and the Jordan Valley.

Militants promise to quit Nablus site

NABLUS, West Bank (Agencies) — About 30 militant Israelis who set up a protest camp in the occupied West Bank said Friday they would quit the site peacefully after Defence Minister Moshe Arens described their action as illegal.

The group had set up two large tents near Joseph's Tomb to demonstrate their determination to stay in Nablus, the largest West Bank town, after a clash with Palestinians in which a Jewish settler was wounded Monday.

A spokesman for the settlers later told state radio: "Although we object to Minister Arens' description of our action as illegal we expect them to move out."

Military authorities said about 300 trees were bulldozed because attackers in recent months had fired at Jewish settlers and thrown firebombs from the orchards.

We still expect our demands for greater safety measures to be



Representative Nick Rahall
lightening them on Israel's expansionist policies.

The congressmen and the accompanying NAAA delegation are here upon the invitation of the World Affairs Council to get firsthand information on the current situation in the Middle East.

The World Affairs Council is a private organisation formed four years ago by Jordanian public figures including the Late Prime Minister Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf who became the organisation's first president. During their meetings, the council members discuss current issues in Jordan, the Middle East and international events.

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Moscow to resume talks only if missiles withdrawn

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet newspaper Pravda Friday made clear new U.S. missiles would have to be withdrawn from Europe before Moscow would resume talks with the United States on limiting medium-range nuclear weapons.

Pravda ridiculed NATO leaders, and in particular West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, for suggesting Moscow might soon return to the Geneva talks, broken off last week, despite the arrival in West Europe of the first of 572 U.S. cruise and Pershing-2 missiles to be deployed.

"To make possible the resumption of the talks... the NATO countries should restore the old state of things, when there were no missiles in Europe," it said.

MIDDLE EAST

Israeli troops tighten security in S. Lebanon

SIDON, South Lebanon (R) — The Israeli soldier shook his head in disbelief as a disconsolate Lebanese driver tried to explain how a Kalashnikov assault rifle happened to be hidden in his mini-bus.

Moments earlier the AK-47 had fallen to the ground during the routine search of vehicles crossing the Awali line that divides central Lebanon from the Israeli-controlled south.

It was wrapped up among a pile of cellulose-wrapped corduroy trousers which the driver said he was delivering to a Sidon clothes shop.

Weapons smuggling is one of the reasons Israel cites for increasingly strict security measures that now effectively mean south Lebanon is cut off from the rest of the country for 14 hours a day.

From dusk to dawn the line is closed. Between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. vehicles and pedestrians can cross at only two points along the 113 kilometre line and the process can take hours.

The Awali line — named after the river that flows into the Mediterranean just north of Sidon — is, to some observers, increasingly taking on the appearance and atmosphere of a frontier.

Trucks and cars stretch back for kilometres on the northern side, waiting to be waved forward for searching by Arabic-speaking soldiers of Israel's border police. Every night drivers camp out by their lorries so they will be at the front of the queue when the line reopens next day.

Rows of taxis wait either side of the Awali bridge, the main crossing point, to pick up travellers who walk across.

Pedestrians show Lebanese-issued identity cards to the soldiers. "All we really want to know from the identity cards is whether they are Lebanese or Palestinians," said an Israeli army officer called Rafi.

Palestinians, who make up around 10 per cent of the 600,000-800,000 population of south Lebanon, are only allowed to cross the line with special permission.

Since Israel set free some 4,500

pro-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) prisoners from its Ansar detention camp a week ago, it has beefed up all aspects of our security systems," said Capt. Shael Segal, an army spokesman in Sidon. "We are on maximum-level alert."

About 3,000 of the detainees, freed in a prisoner exchange with the PLO, were dispersed in south Lebanon.

Driving through the villages, you see men wearing the blue-and-white track suits and gym shoes that were issued by the Red Cross before they were released from Ansar.

In an apparent show of solidarity with the PLO, the word "Ansar" has been spray-painted on some buildings.

"There has been a radicalisation of the atmosphere, less willingness to cooperate with us," said Capt. Segal.

The new Israeli security measures go beyond extra road checks, patrols and the thick earth ramparts that now guard every army post.

The army says none of the freed Ansar prisoners have been arrested and it is too early to see whether their release will lead to a real deterioration in security.

Citrus growers who need to transport fruit north of the Awali line have been issued with permits which enable them to jump the long queues at the crossing points.

Other regular travellers can apply for the two-month permits but army officers said fewer than expected had asked for them, apparently because of anti-Israeli feeling.

In the early days of the Lebanon war last year, Israeli soldiers shopped and dined out in south Lebanon. "All that is out of bounds now. Serving in Lebanon has become both more boring and more dangerous," said a 22-year-old lieutenant.

'Iraq has not yet used Super-Etendard planes'

CAIRO (R) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was quoted Thursday night as saying Iraq had not yet used French Super-Etendard planes in the Gulf War with Iran.

In an interview with the Egyptian newspaper Al-Ahram, Mr. Hussein said his army could force an Iranian retreat in the war at a suitable time.

"We have not used the Super-

Etendard planes in our recent attacks against Iranian naval positions... but they can seriously harm Iranian installations and interests in the Gulf," he said.

"Our armed forces are capable of forcing the Iranian army to retreat to new positions inside Iranian territory... we will do this when we find it suitable and public opinion in Iran concedes that Iran is the aggressor," Mr. Hussein

said. Families of the prisoners Iraq

said the Iranians killed on December 1, 1981, each received a house or a flat, the sum of 10,000 Iraqi dinars (\$30,000), a car exemption from government debts, and a pension. The Iraqi news agency said.

think Iran would carry out threats to close the Strait of Hormuz at the mouth of the Gulf if Iraq used the jets.

He accused Syria and Libya of cooperating with Iran to make trouble among Iraqi Kurds in northern Iraq, and said both superpowers still supplied Iran with arms although both claimed to be neutral.

Meanwhile, Iraq came to a halt for five minutes Thursday morning for Iraqi prisoners of war. Baghdad said were killed by Iran on the Gulf war front exactly two years ago.

President Saddam Hussein laid a wreath of flowers at the martyr's monument, newly completed at a cost of around \$120 million.

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U.N. plans to estimate Iran-Iraq war damage

UNITED NATIONS (R) — United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar discussed with the Iranian delegate Thursday the proposed dispatch of a U.N. mission to assess damage done to civilian targets in the Gulf war, a spokesman said.

He said Mr. Perez de Cuellar discussed the same proposal with the Iraqi representative, but was not authorised to say how Iraqi ambassador Riyadh Al-Qaysi and Iranian ambassador Said

Rajaei-Khorassani reacted to the meetings, which were both initiated by the U.N.

Mr. Perez de Cuellar was acting in response to last month's Security Council resolution, which called for a halt to the war and specified that legal conventions be observed and civilian targets avoided, the spokesman said.

He added Iran had written 20 letters since June when a U.N. mission to the area reported the war had caused heavy damage.

Vance thinks pact with Israel may be harmful

CAIRO (R) — Former U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance said Thursday he thought a new Israeli-American co-operation pact might harm Washington's relations with the Arabs.

Mr. Vance, on a personal tour

of the region, was speaking to reporters after separate talks with Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Egypt, USSR to increase trade

CAIRO (R) — Egypt and the Soviet Union signed a new annual trade protocol Thursday aimed at boosting the value of their trade in 1984 to £501.5730 million from £400 million (£584 million). Egyptian exports to the Soviet Union include cotton, cotton cloth and fruit. Egyptian imports include spare parts, drugs and cement.

Sudan to set up expatriates' bank

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudan has decided to set up an investment bank to deal with remittances from about 2.5 million Sudanese working in African and Arab countries, as well as the United States and Europe, the official Middle East News Agency (MENA) reported Thursday. It quoted an official at Sudan's central bank as saying their investment bank, expected to be operational in June next year, would have a capital of \$20 million. Remittances from Sudanese working abroad total about \$300 million a year.

Qantas reports \$34.4 m loss

SYDNEY (R) — Australia's international airline Qantas Thursday reported an operating loss of \$34.4 million for the year ended last March 31, but said it was now profitable. The loss was a sharp turnaround from a profit of \$61.41 million in the previous year. The loss on airline operations was a record \$47.59 million, nearly double the previous year's loss of \$24.04 million.

OAPEC proposes research centre

DOHA (R) — A six-day seminar on enhanced oil recovery ended here Thursday with a call for the establishment of a research centre to be attached to the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC). The seminar recommended that research into enhanced oil recovery should be a basic part of the work of the proposed centre. The seminar also called for standardisation of measures and terminology used in petroleum operations.

Argentina receives fresh credit

BUENOS AIRES (R) — Argentina Thursday received the first \$100 million portion of a new \$1.5 billion loan from its creditor banks to help ease its economic crisis, banking sources said.

China honours grain deal with U.S.

WASHINGTON (R) — China's decision to honour its long-term grain sales agreement with the United States also lifts the threat of disruption of talks on other bilateral issues, administration officials said Thursday. The Chinese embassy, Wednesday informed the State Department that Peking had decided to buy an extra two million million tonnes of U.S. grain this year, fulfilling the purchase terms of the agreement.

IFAD holds 'crucial' talks Tuesday

ROME (OPECNA) — The governing council of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) begins its annual session on Tuesday. According to IFAD officials, the "four-day session will be of great importance for the fund and its future", especially because the replenishment of its resources is the most crucial item on the agenda. By the end of the year, IFAD would have committed \$1.8 billion to projects and programmes aimed at fighting hunger and malnutrition through rural development in developing countries, officials said.



JUMBLE. THAT SCRABLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

REBBI
KLANF
YOMFID
CINTAG

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here: THE

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumble: FLUKE CAMEO SAFARI DRAGON
Answer: Frankenstein was lonely until he discovered how to do this — MAKE FRIENDS

Turkish prices rise after elections

ISTANBUL (R) — Turkish retail prices have risen sharply since last month's general elections, triggering a press outcry on behalf of consumers and predictions that the official inflation rate will exceed 35 per cent this year.

The original 1983 official inflation target, calculated on the wholesale price index which excludes items such as rents, was 20 per cent.

But it had already reached 27.4 per cent by the end of October before increases in the past three weeks which began with rises of around 17 per cent in petroleum products, forced on the government by the falling value of the Turkish lira.

Many analysts, including election winner and former economy chief Mr. Furgut Ozal, believe the true inflation figure to be as much as 15 per cent above the official figure. Mr. Ozal has pledged to cut inflation "whatever the price."

Since the oil price rises, prices of a wide range of consumer goods, from eggs to car tyres, have spiralled.

In one example of the spree, a refrigerator manufacturer advertised next month's prices on television, advising people to buy now and save up to 25,000 lira.

A kilogramme (2.2 pounds) of salty white goat's cheese, a staple for millions of Turks, has risen to 7100 lira (\$2.80) from 5500 lira (\$2.20) and eggs have risen from 17 lira (7 cents) each to 22 lira (9 cents).

The word "zam", meaning price rise, became the fear of consumers and the catch-word of newspaper headline writers.

Stories of increased prices pushed political developments to second place in the newspapers, which clamoured for controls and reported the reactions of dismayed consumers.

Most papers tend to blame manufacturers and retail traders for taking advantage of the month-long transition period between the elections and the new government of Mr. Ozal's conservative Motherland Party taking over.

Turkish ministry and local authorities have started a campaign to check prices, but economists say the laws of economy are at work and are immune from state interference.

"If you push 147.8 billion lira (£54.74 million) into the system in three weeks, prices will surely increase, this is a rule in economics," said Mr. Gungor Uras, a senior executive at the industrial holding company, Sabanci.

He said central bank data revealed that the money in circulation rose 25 per cent to 735.7 billion lira (\$2.7 million) on Nov. 4, just before the poll, from \$87.9 billion (\$2.2 million) on Oct. 14.

Economists say this increase stemmed from excessive commercial bank withdrawals from the central bank to meet interest payments on deposits.

As deposit interest rates are now below that of current inflation, the banks are faced with liquidity shortages because no fresh funds are available to them, they said.

Mr. Gungor Uras, also an associate professor of economics, said the extra money pumped into the system increased demand, which led the market to increase prices.

Mr. Nuh Kusulu, chairman of the Istanbul Chamber of Commerce, said negative deposit rates and expectations of price hikes after Mr. Ozal takes over next week fuelled the surge in demand.

He also said recent state bail-outs of some firms and three banks had cost the state some 120 billion lira (£44.4 million), adding to the price increases.

Business circles say some industrialists, expecting a tough programme by Mr. Ozal to restrict domestic demand to curb inflation, chose to increase their prices, thinking they would be unable to do so next year.

FORECAST FOR SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1983

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Until noon, you need to further work out a course of action under which you can gain the outlets which are important to your development. You have considerable energy to handle any problems.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Meet those obligations you have where business people are concerned in the morning. Then get out to social events.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 18) Reach a fine agreement with partners early in the day. Trying to please your mate in the evening is wise.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Get at the jobs ahead of you early and complete them so that later you have time to see persons you want to impress.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Get future recreational activities well arranged early in the day. Get right at the jobs awaiting your attention.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Get tasks done at home, but don't take any risks or get into arguments there. Later enjoy the pleasure that most appeals to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Talk over your plans for the future with an associate in the morning. Later be at home with kind and have a delightful time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Get busy at collecting money owed to you. Pay pressing bills. Go to an expert if you are in need of advice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You have many little personal tasks to handle in the morning, so do them quickly. Then concentrate on how to have a greater income.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Think over what it is you most want from the personal angle in the morning. Later go after such goals with alacrity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Look to a good friend to give you a different, but workable angle so that you can gain a wish important to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Be sure to follow suggestions of one who is vital to your well-being in the morning. Gain personal desires.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Early study new plans you have in mind, but don't put them in operation until you have discussed them with bigwigs.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she will devise a wise plan for the future and be able to make a big success of life. Be encouraging and give as fine a course of education as you can, slanting it toward business administration. Religion is a must early in life.

"The Stars impel; they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you!

Feldstein under attack by White House

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan's chief economic adviser, Mr. Martin Feldstein, has incurred the wrath of the White House for his outspoken views on budget deficits and some observers think his blunt talk might cost him his job.

Mr. Feldstein, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers (CEA), provoked a public scolding from the White House after speeches in which he said Mr. Reagan's budget-cutting efforts had brought most domestic spending back to the same share of the overall economy it held in the mid-1960s.

White House spokesman Mr. Larry Speakes criticised Mr. Feldstein sharply on Wednesday for his views and hinted that his job was at stake.

Taken alone, what Mr. Feldstein said about Mr. Reagan bri-

ng down spending on domestic programmes would please the president's conservative advisers.

But with the U.S. budget deficit running close to \$200 billion, the implication of Mr. Feldstein's remarks was that Mr. Reagan's tax cuts had combined with record peace-time defence spending to produce such a high deficit.

Mr. Speakes told the press:

"The important part of our programme is defence increase and tax reduction. I think that is well known, with the possible exception of the chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers."

Asked if Mr. Feldstein had been asked to resign, Mr. Speakes re-

buked: "I don't think they're actually asked him to resign... I don't think they're going to ask him face-to-face."

Mr. Speakes said he was voicing privately what the CEA chairman had already been told privately by senior White House officials over past months.

A spokesman for Mr. Feldstein, 44, said the economist had not been asked to resign and had no plans to leave his job before next September when he is scheduled to return to Harvard University. He was a professor there before joining the government in September 1982.

Mr. Feldstein also issued a statement saying he "completely supports" the president's economic programme.

Mr. Feldstein has called for higher taxes or spending cuts to offset federal budget deficits, a stance

Treasury Secretary Donald Regan opposed.

Mr. Feldstein said Mr. Reagan's economic programmes were "fair and balanced."

"I know a lot of you have heard press reports but I hope my remarks make it clear I support the president's programmes and that I plan to stay in Washington," he said.

The speech reiterated his previously stated views.

"I am convinced that the advantages of reducing the budget deficit outweigh the disadvantages of the proposed increase in tax rates," Mr. Feldstein told the tax foundation, a private business group.

This was his most explicit statement so far on the issue, which divides administration policymakers as they begin preparations for next year's budget.

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Share prices closed quietly mixed and at 1500 the F.T. index was down two points at 739.1.

There were no new factors affecting market sentiment but dealers said interest was again selective and small.

ICI met renewed U.S. demand and ended 14p higher at 642 despite profit-taking but Cable and Wireless fell 19p to 271 following the undersubscription at the tender for the sale of 100 million shares by the U.K. government.

Government bonds eased as much as 3% point following the easier trend in sterling and North American stocks closed mixed.

Banks met some institutional demand and showed net gains ranging to 17p as in Barclays at 499.

Gold shares pared earlier gains following a reaction in the bullion price, set about S\$3 down at \$400.75.

Chloride showed no change at 27p after interim results in line with market expectations. A.B. electronics firmed 85p to 920 after the award of a contract for printed circuits by an IBM subsidiary.

In a mixed insurance sector Eagle Star ended 11p higher at 699 awaiting a statement on Monday from Allianz Versicherungs A.G. on the bid situation.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

One sterling	1.4575/85	U.S. dollars	Canadian dollars
One U.S. dollar	1.2427/30	West German marks	Dutch guilders
	2.7015/25	Swiss francs	Belgian francs
	3.0262/72	French francs	Italian lire
	2.1624/38	Japanese yen	Swedish crowns
	54.83/87	Norwegian crowns	Danish crowns
	8.2160/90	U.S. dollars	U.S. dollars
	1636.00/1637.00		
	232.67/77		
	7.9590/9640		
	7.5110/5150		
	9.7550/7600		
One ounce of gold	403.50/404.00		

THE Daily Crossword

by J. & P. Barrick

ACROSS	31	Before long	50	Blacksnake	22	Part of n.b.
1 Bubbles	32	Punctuation	52	Indian title	24	Forward part
5 Hedgehog	33	mark	55	Transmitters	25	Spring variety
9 Ball of thread	34	suffix for block	58	O'Casey the writer	26	Wine
13 Top	35	Dismiss parrotarily	59	in agreement	27	Instruments
14 Old name for Rock of Gibraltar	36	Time of note	60	Hindu Organic compound	28	Hindu ascetic
15 Robust	37	garden item	61	Vetch	29	Like a lot
16 Grill masters	38	Ethereal	62	Fellow	30	Resist
19 Rocky hill	39	Marshall under Napoleon	63	Yield by treaty	31	So be it!
20 Org. Plus	40	kind	45	Odious	32	Work with others
22 City on 51D</td						

WORLD

Bonn prosecutor set to lay corruption charges

Lambsdorff loses political immunity

BONN (R) — The West German parliament formally lifted political immunity from Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff Friday, clearing the way for corruption charges to be brought against him.

The list of charges, in which Mr. Lambsdorff is accused of accepting bribes on behalf of his Free Democratic Party (FDP), from the Flick industrial group, is expected to be handed over to him within the next few days.

He has said he will not decide on his future until he has studied the charges.

The lower house vote was taken by a show of hands, with no apparent objectors.

Bonn public prosecutor Johannes Wilhelm said his office would lay charges as soon as possible once the lower house approved the recommendation.

Mr. Lambsdorff would now

have to give details of charges that he and his predecessor Hans Friderichs, now a leading banker, took about 500,000 marks (\$200,000) in bribes from a giant company, Flick, in the 1970s, which both have repeatedly denied.

If Mr. Lambsdorff resigns, conservative Chancellor Helmut Kohl could face strong pressure to give more power in his three-party coalition to Bavarian Premier Franz-Josef Strauss' right-wing Christian Social Union (CSU), a move Mr. Lambsdorff's Free Democrats (FDP) would resist.

Mr. Lambsdorff, who could be jailed for five years, says he is a

victim of "lynch-mob journalism" meaning press reports of the alleged scandal of payments by Flick into secret political party funds.

The political sensitivity of the case was underlined by a stormy debate in parliament Thursday when members voted for big changes in West Germany's vague law on party funding.

The new law boosts state subsidies and aims to make party transactions more visible.

FDP member Detlef Kleiner, praised the legislation, saying it offered a clear ruling on party finance for the first time.

Left-wing Green Party members opposed it, saying its wording could allow a retroactive amnesty on past financial wrongdoings. They said they would appeal to the constitutional court.

Opposition Social Democrats

SPD, backed it but said they would oppose any bid to introduce an amnesty.

The Flick affair centres on an economics ministry decision to allow tax immunity on a 1.9 billion mark (\$730 million) sale of Flick's shares in the Daimler-Benz Motor Company.

The prosecutor plans to call 114 witnesses and present hundreds of documents, firstly to an examining magistrate and then, if his case proves strong enough, at a trial.

The case appears to rest on a complex and delicate legal interpretation.

The prosecutor accepts that the ministry's tax immunity decision was justified on the grounds that the sale income was reinvested in the national interests over several years in domestic and U.S. firms.

However, announcing the charges on Tuesday, he said there was enough suspicion that Mr. Lam-

bsdorff and Friderichs "recognised the aim of the payments and showed themselves ready to allow them to influence their decisions".

Mr. Lambsdorff has complained that the prosecutor misled him over the nature of the charges, saying he was led to believe throughout the two-year investigation that he was suspected of the lesser crime of "accepting favours".

He said he heard only 10 minutes before the public announcement of the proceedings that he faced the charge of "accepting bribes".

He said he was denied consultations with the prosecutor's office to discuss his case.

Government spokesman Peter Boenisch said Mr. Lambsdorff was greeted warmly at a cabinet meeting and there was no pressure on him to resign.

Salvador death squads kill 'suspect' boatman

SAN SALVADOR (R) — A boatman who ferried reporters to the site of an alleged army massacre two weeks ago was found shot dead near his village, a day after six armed men dragged him from his home, his wife told reporters.

Santiago Viteles Alas, 45 year-old father of seven, ferried reporters across Suchitán Lake to a village where they found 20 bodies, alleged by survivors to have been gunned down by troops belonging to El Salvador's elite U.S.-trained Atlacatlán battalion.

The trip was widely reported here after the boat capsized on its return trip and the six reporters were declared dead by local police. But the journalists, the boatman, and a helper swam ashore clinging to the overturned hull.

Rosa Marian Alas, 40, told Reuters a death squad burst into her house at dawn on Tuesday and hacked her husband away.

She said she came to the capital to seek help in finding him. On her return Wednesday she was told her husband's body had been found on the outskirts of the village with four bullet wounds.

"They didn't say who they were, they just said we're come to take him away," she told Reuters, adding that two of the men were dressed in green but wore no badges.

A recent series of death squad murders in El Salvador has provoked the U.S. Congress to cut military aid requested by President Reagan by a quarter.

But Mr. Reagan has effectively killed legislation that would require the U.S. to certify El Salvador

was making progress on human rights before it could receive more aid.

U.S. ambassador Thomas Pickering has criticised Salvadorean authorities for not taking steps against the death squads. "We are certain that these individuals are as well known to the security forces as they are to those of us who have been in the country only a short time," he said.

Three corpses were found on the outskirts of the capital Wednesday, bore the hallmarks of death squad killings.

Police said they found two men shot through the head and in a separate incident, a young woman who had been strangled.

Human rights organisations have put death squad murders at more than 1,000 this year. But no precise figures are available as the murders are rarely investigated successfully.

In Washington, Secretary of State George Shultz said Thursday U.S. military aid might not have been granted to El Salvador next year but for President Reagan's veto of a bill making further advances in human rights a condition of such aid.

Mr. Shultz said the next six-month certification, due in January, would have been difficult in the light of the existence of death squads and El Salvador's failure to prosecute for the murder in 1981 of four American churchwomen.

"If I had to do one by the middle of January, it would be difficult to sign," he told reporters.

COLUMN

Flynt wants to see Andropov

ANCHORAGE (R) — Sex magazine publisher Larry Flynt, saying he wanted to go to Moscow to give Soviet President Yuri Andropov a cancer cure, flew to Alaska Thursday, and was promptly arrested and ordered back to Los Angeles. Before U.S. marshals put an end to his three-and-a-half-hour Alaska escapade, Mr. Flynt said: "I would fly to Moscow to give Mr. Andropov a cancer treatment he called 'green manna'."

He planned to fast eat over the spot where the Soviets shot down a South Korean airliner in September and release a flock of doves as a symbol of peace. "It's a publicly stunt in one way and another it's a very serious political statement," he told reporters.

200 gamblers forced out of casino

LAS VEGAS (R) — Nevada's two hundred gamblers walked out with their chips Thursday when a broken gas main forced the evacuation of the golden nugget, one of the biggest in Las Vegas. The gamblers waited outside a roped-off area for nearly two hours until the gas leak had been blocked and then immediately returned to the tables.

Soviet book title given odd award

LONDON (R) — A Soviet work has won this year's unexpected prize for the oddest title at Frankfurt international book fair. Previous winners of the award, given by a British trade magazine, the Booksellers, have included "The Joy of Chickens" and "Proceedings of the second International Workshop on Nude Mice". Runners-up this year included "The Care and Feeding of Stuffed Animals" and "The Balter: A Systems Theory Approach." But the Soviet publishing house VIKS topped them all with "The Theory of a Unfinished Rolling."

'Czar's daughter' disappears in U.S.

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Virginia (R) — The woman who has claimed for the past 64 years that she is Anastasia, youngest daughter of the assassinated Czar Nicholas II, has disappeared from a hospital here and police say she was apparently taken by her husband. Police said both Anna Anderson Manahan, 82, and her husband, John Manahan, 63, disappeared from the psychiatric ward of the University of Virginia Hospital here.

Couple sentenced in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG (R) — A coloured mixed race woman was jailed for six months and a white man given a suspended sentence for breaking South Africa's Jim Crow law which bars inter-racial sexual intercourse. Railway worker Isak Johann Grievel, 24, who pleaded guilty, told a magistrate's court he did not think sex between whites and other races was such a serious offence. The woman

British pubs offer Christmas credits

LONDON (R) — A chain of British bars has set out to boost Christmas sales in London by offering customers drinks on credit. Grand Metropolitan, which owns 1,500 "pubs" in Britain, will take credit cards in 20 of its London pubs over the Christmas period and plans to extend the scheme if it proves successful.

Spanish abortion bill okayed

MADRID (R) — The Spanish senate has passed a controversial bill legalising therapeutic abortion in this staunchly Roman Catholic country and parliamentary sources said it will come into effect within the next few days. The bill, already approved by congress (lower house), was passed by the senate by 110 to 15 with three abstentions. It allows abortion in cases of rape, malformation of the fetus or danger to the mother's life.

NASA press conference with shuttle crew flops

HOUSSON (R) — Experiments aboard the orbiting space shuttle Columbia focused on the stars Friday but back on earth, space officials were still blushing after communications problems all but scuttled a showcase press conference with the crew.

The six crew members, into the fourth day of their mission, started using an ultraviolet telescope aboard the European-built spacelab, carried by Columbia, to study stars and galaxies while continuing observations of the earth's magnetic fields.

U.S. space agency officials said they were considering extending the shuttle's nine-day mission to give crew members more time to complete the 70 planned experiments packed into the billion-dollar spacelab.

"The crew continues to be in very good spirits," said flight director John Cox.

But in Houston, space officials were still recovering from a press conference Thursday that was plagued with technical problems Mr. Cox said was caused by a cable incorrectly plugged into a telephone switching panel.

In the televised event the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) had planned

U.N. seeks sanctions against South Africa

UNITED NATIONS (R) — The U.N. General Assembly has called for comprehensive mandatory sanctions to be imposed against South Africa for its "continued illegal occupation" of Namibia and failure to grant it independence.

The assembly Thursday night also condemned what it called "persistent attempts" by the United States and South Africa to link independence for the territory with demands for the withdrawal of Cuban troops from the neighbouring state of Angola.

Police seek 3 Heineken kidnappers

AMSTERDAM (R) — Dutch police said Thursday they had arrested another member of the gang who kidnapped brewery chief Freddie Heineken but were still searching for three men and about \$9 million in ransom.

A man named as R. Griffhorst, aged 34, was detained at Schiphol Airport after flying from Spain, bringing the number of arrests to 25, police said.

Police were seeking a further three Dutchmen two of whom were believed to be in Torremolinos, Spain, and one in the Netherlands. Spanish police were searching for the two in Spain.

Bangladesh eases curfew

DHAKA (R) — Bangladesh's military government further relaxed the curfew in Dhaka and the southern port city of Chittagong, saying law and order had returned to normal.

Strict curfew was enforced in the two cities this week following anti-martial law violence which killed at least six people and injured about 500 others.

Military ruler Lt. Gen. Hossain Mohammad Ershad Thursday night presided over an emergency

cabinet meeting which reviewed the law and order situation in the country.

An official statement later said "the cabinet noted with satisfaction that the law and order situation throughout the country is normal."

From Friday Dhaka will be under curfew from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. and Chittagong from 12 midnight to 5 p.m., an official announcement said.

We cannot overstress the importance of counting — whether it be points or tricks. That was the key to success on today's hand.

South's jump to four hearts showed a good trump suit and no desire to play any higher contract. Usually, it promises a six-card or longer suit. However, South reasoned that his hand might not produce a single trick at a no trump contract, so he decided to take his shot at the suit game.

West led a trump. Since

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